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1. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF, RANGEL, AND STARK SEEMED SATISFIED WITH GENERAL BRIEFING ON TAIWAN AND THE SPECIAL NARCOTICS PRESENTATION ALONG LINES REFTELS. AT THEIR REQUEST, ATG PERSONNEL DID NOT PARTICIPATE AND DEA REPRESENTATIVE FROM MANILA COVERED ROC'S PERFORMANCE IN CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING THROUGH TAIWAN AND ITS DOMESTIC NARCOTICS PROBLEMS.

2. ALTHOUGH NONE OF THE CONGRESSMAN SEEMED EAGER TO CONFRONT THE ROC ON THE ISSUE OF ROC PROPAGANDA ALLEGING PRC TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS, THEY APPRECIATED UNHELPLEFULNESS OF SUCH PROPAGANDA AND VOLUNTEERED THAT THEY HAD NEVER SEEN ANY EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF ROC CHARGES.

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3. FOLLOWING MORE GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH ALL THREE CONGRESSMAN, CHARGE MET ALONE WITH CONGRESSMAN WOLFF AND DR. BRADY TO PREPARE FOR WOLFF'S CALL ON PREMIER (WHICH HE ASKED TO MAKE UNACCOMPANIED). IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ANY DETAILS ON IBMND ACTIVITIES IN GOLDEN TRIANGLE BECAUSE CONGRESSMAN, REFERRING TO THE PAPER HANDED HIM BY COWELL, SAID HE HAD INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE THAT AT LEAST SOME INDIVIDUALS IN IBMND WERE INVOLVED. CHARGE DESCRIBED LACK OF ANY APPARENT SUCCES SO FAR IN OUR REPRESENTATIONS TO THE PREMIER ON THIS MATTER BUT EMPHASIZED OUR BELIEF THAT PUBLIC CONFRONTATION WITH THE PREMIER ON THIS ASPECT OF PROBLEM WOULD BE UNHELPFUL AND FAR LESS EFFECTIVE THAN DISCREET PRESSURE. ALSO URGED THAT CONGRESSMAN NOT IMPLY HE HAD ANY LOCAL CORROBORATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN REPORTS. WOLFF AGREED.

4. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH CHIANG CHING-KUO, CONGRESSMAN DESCRIBED SESSION TO CHARGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. CONVERSATION WAS CORDIAL CENTERING ON THEME OF CONTINUED US-ROC COOPERATION. WOLFF STATED HE HAD EVIDENCE (POINTING TO COWELL PAPER IN HIS POCKET) THAT AT LEAST SOME INDIVIDUALS IN IBMND SEEMED INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. HE SPECIFIED HE WAS NOT SPEAKING OF LO HSING-HAN OR KMT REMNANTS, AND WAS REFERRING TO REGULAR IBMND UNITS. CONGRESSMAN EXPLAINED THAT IN VIEW OF THE ROC'S PRECARIOUS INTERNATIONAL POSITION AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE US CONGRESS, THE ROC COULD NOT AFFORD TO HAVE ANY OF ITS PEOPLE ENGAGED EVEN ON THE FRINGES OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION WITH THE MOFA INTERPRETER (NORTH AMERICAN BUREAU CHIEF EDWARD KUAN), PREMIER SAID HE AGREED. CONGRESSMAN ALSO URGED THAT PREMIER SHARE WITH US ALL INFORMATION FROM ANY SOURCE, INCLUDING THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE, AVAILABLE TO THE ROC. AGAIN, PREMIER REPORTEDLY AGREED. IN CONCLUSION, PREMIER AND CONGRESSMAN WORKED OUT A LINE FOR THE PRESS, NAMELY, WOLFF COULD STATE PUBLICLY THAT WHEREVER THERE APPEARED TO BE CHINESE INVOLVEMENT IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, THE ROC WOULD PROMISE COMPLETE COOPERATION IN TRYING TO EXERCISE CONTROL.

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5. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN CONGRESSMAN WOLFF WILL NOT TANGLE PUBLICLY WITH THE ROC OVER THE IBMND ISSUE AT LATER TIME (I.E., IN TRIP REPORT) BUT HIS DEPARTURE PRESS STATEMENT WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE AGREED LINE. BRADY SAID HE AND WOLFF WOULD CONSULT WITH DEPARTMENT AND CIA BEFORE RELEASING REPORT.
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